



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

YOSHIDA et al.

Art Unit: 1755

Application No.: 09/696,013

Examiner: C. Koslow

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For: FERROMAGNETIC ZnO-TYPE COMPOUND INCLUDING TRANSITION METALLIC ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING FERROMAGNETIC CHARACTERISTICS THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December --, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 25, 2002, a Request for Continued Examination being attached hereto, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the following manner:

1. A ferromagnetic ZnO-type compound film having a single-crystalline structure, wherein a ZnO-type compound contains at least two metals selected from the group consisting of V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, Rh, Ru, Ti, Mn, and Cu by being crystal-mixed.
2. The ferromagnetic ZnO-type compound film of claim 1, wherein said ZnO-type compound contains at least two types of metals selected from the group consisting of V, Cr, Fe, Co, Ni, Rh and Ru, and the group consisting of Ti, Mn, and Cu, wherein at least one metal is selected from each group.